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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

9 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

10 BRUCE BIRCH,
11 Plaintiff,
12 vs.
13 PAM DEL PORTO,
14 Defendants.

Case No. 3:19-cv-00043-MMD-CLB

**DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS**

15 Defendant, Pamela Del Porto, by and through counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the
16 State of Nevada, and Douglas R. Rands, Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby move this Court for an
17 extension of time to file dispositive motions. This Motion is made and based upon Federal Rules of Civil
18 Procedure 6(b)(1)(A), the attached Points and Authorities, the papers and pleadings on file herein, and
19 such other and further information as this Court may deem appropriate.

20 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**

21 **I. ARGUMENT**

22 Defendant respectfully requests an extension of time out from the current deadline (**July 8,**
23 **2020**) to file dispositive motions in this matter. Defendant is in the process of preparing a
24 Motion for Summary Judgment in this matter. This motion requires multiple declarations to
25 various employees of the Nevada Department of Corrections. In addition, Counsel is working
26 from home, and email is critical to provide the draft motion and exhibits to staff for format and
27 filing. On July 8, 2020, there has been an outage of the email server serving the Office of the
28 Attorney General. Many of the emails sent to the NDOC and back and forth between counsel

1 and his office have bounced back and not gone through. This appears to be an issue with the
2 Outlook server used by this office. As a result, the Motion for Summary Judgment is not ready
3 to file. Therefore, it is requested that this Court grant the parties additional time, until **July 15, 2020**
4 to file dispositive motions.

5 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 6(b)(1) governs extensions of time and provides as follows:

6 When an act may or must be done within a specified time, the court may,
7 for good cause, extend the time: (A) with or without motion or notice if
8 the court acts, or if a request is made, before the original time or its
extension expires; or (B) on motion made after the time has expired if the
party failed to act because of excusable neglect.

9 Defendant's request is timely and will not hinder or prejudice Plaintiff's case, but will allow for a
10 thorough opportunity to brief and file a dispositive motion. The requested extension of time should
11 permit the Defendant time to adequately research, draft, and submit a well briefed dispositive motion in
12 this case. Defendant asserts that the requisite good cause is present to warrant the requested extension
13 of time.

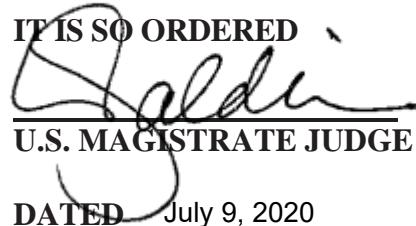
14 In addition, in light of the current state of emergency, the Office of the Attorney General has
15 transitioned to alternate, home based working arrangements. The issue with email is, therefore, more
16 critical. The additional time will allow this office to complete the motion and file it appropriately.
17 Therefore, the Defendants request additional time, up until Wednesday, July 15, 2020, to file a
18 dispositive motion.

19 DATED this 8th day of July, 2020.

20 AARON D. FORD
21 Attorney General

22 By: /s/ Douglas R. Rands
23 DOUGLAS R. RANDS, Bar No. 3572
Senior Deputy Attorney General

24 *Attorneys for Defendants*

25 IT IS SO ORDERED
26 
27 U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE
28 DATED July 9, 2020

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Attorney General, State of Nevada and that on this 8th day of July, 2020, I caused a copy of the foregoing, **DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE DISPOSITIVE MOTIONS**, to be served, by U.S. District Court CM/ECF Electronic Filing on the following:

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